

**Preliminary Amendment of U.S. National Stage for International Application PCT/EP2003/012044 filed October 30, 2003**

**In the Specification:**

At page 1, delete the Title and enter therefor:

--METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF AN ESTER

**RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is filed under 35 U.S.C. § 371 claiming priority from PCT/EP2003/012044 filed October 30, 2003, which claims priority of German patent application DE 10251984.6 filed November 8, 2002, the entire contents of each of which applications are incorporated herein by reference.--

At line 8, delete "Prior Art" and enter therefor:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

At page 2, line 16, delete "Description of the Invention" and enter:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--

At page 3, after line 16, enter:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--

At page 12, at line 1 thereof, please delete the section heading "CLAIMS" and insert the following new section heading:

**--WE CLAIM--**

Enter a new page 16 submitted herewith, containing the Abstract of the Disclosure.